

GREY (of CODNOR, WILTON, RUTHIN)

A. ORIGINS

1. **HENRY de Grey** of Grays Thurrock, Essex (-1219). m as her first husband, **ISOLDA**, daughter of --- (-after 1 Jul 1225). There are contrary indications concerning the parentage of Isolda. "Jord Foliot Isold de Gray et Rad Payne" swore homage for the lands of "Robti Bardulf avunculi sui", and accepted security from "Robto Lupo loco Matild Bardulf matris sue que est una herederum predicti Roberti", dated 1 Jul 1225[453]. This source suggests that Isolda de Grey was the daughter of the second sister of Robert Bardulf, and co-heir of her uncle. On the other hand, Thomas Stapleton, in his "Observations on the Great Rolls of the Exchequer of Normandy", records that Henry de Grey married "Ysolda...daughter of Hugh Bardolf, sister and one of the co-heirs of Robert Bardolf", that in 1235 she was "remarried to...Reginald de Meandre", and that in 1246 "Richard de Gray son and heir of Isolda de Gray" swore homage to King Henry III, although he does not cite the source reference[454]. The birth date of Hugh [I] Bardolf (father of Robert Bardolf) is estimated to before 1135 (see above). Hugh's children would presumably therefore have been born in [1160/80]. If that date range is correct, the date of Isolda's second marriage, and also the chronology of the Grey family, suggest that Isolda was more probably Hugh's granddaughter than his daughter. Another possibility is that the wife of Henry de Grey was Robert's sister and that "Isold de Gray" who is named in the 1 Jul 1225 source was the couple's daughter. However, in that case, it is unclear why Isolda's son Richard would not have been named as the Grey representative of the heirs who are named in 1 Jul 1225. On balance, it appears more likely that Isolda was Robert Bardolf's niece, although if that is correct there is no indication of her father's family. She married secondly (before 1235) Reginald de Meaudre. Henry & his wife had children:
 - a) **RICHARD de Grey** of Codnor (-after 1246). Thomas Stapleton, in his "Observations on the Great Rolls of the Exchequer of Normandy", records that in 1246 "Richard de Gray son and heir of Isolda de Gray" swore homage to King Henry III, but he does not cite the source reference[455]. This reference, if correct, suggests that Richard was his parents' oldest son. m **LUCY de Humez**, daughter of JOHN de Humez & his wife ---. Richard & his wife had children:
 - i) **JOHN de Grey** (-before 5 Jan 1272).
- **LORDS GREY (of CODNOR)**.
 - b) **JOHN de Grey** of Shirland, Derbyshire (-before 18 Mar 1266). m firstly **EMMA de Glanville**, daughter of **GEOFFREY de Glanville** & his wife ---. m secondly (after 2 Nov 1230) as her second husband, **EMMA de Cauz**, widow of **JOHN de Segrave**, daughter of **ROGER de Cauz** & his wife ---. Bracton records a claim, dated 1229, which involved "Johannem de Segraue et Emmam uxorem eius filiam et heredem...Rogeri de Cauz"[456]. King Henry III granted "maritagium Emme de Cauz que fuit uxor Johannis de Sedgrave, filii ipsius Stephani" to "Stephano de Sedgrave" dated 2 Nov 1230[457]. m thirdly (17 Oct 1251) as her second husband, **JOAN**, widow of **PAUL Peyre or Piper**, daughter of --- (-1256, bur Woburn). John & his first wife had two children:
 - i) **REYNOLD de Grey**.
 - ii) **EMMA de Grey**. m **WILLIAM de Huntingfield**, son of ---.John & his second wife had one child:
 - iii) **REYNOLD de Grey** of Ruthin, Denbighshire, and Wilton, Herefordshire (-5 Apr 1308). He was summoned to Parliament whereby he is held to have become **Lord Grey (of Wilton)**. m **MATILDA de Longchamp**, daughter of

HENRY de Longchamp of Wilton, Herefordshire & his wife --- (-before 21 Nov 1302). Reynold & his wife had children:

(1) JOHN de Grey of Wilton ([1267/68]-28 Oct 1323). **Lord Grey** (of Wilton).

- **LORDS GREY (of WILTON)**.

c) WILLIAM de Grey of Sandiacre . m ---. William & his wife had children:

i) RICHARD de Grey of Sandiacre (-1298). m LUCY, daughter of ---. Richard & his wife had children:

(1) WILLIAM de Grey of Sandiacre . m JOAN, daughter of ---. William & his wife had children:

(a) RICHARD de Grey of Sandiacre (-1310). m FELICIA, daughter of ---. Richard & his wife had children:

(i) WILLIAM de Grey of Sandiacre .

1. ALICE de Grey (-before 15 Apr 1206). William Reedy, in the genealogical tables in the introduction to his collection of Basset charters, names "Alice de Gray" as the first wife of Alan Basset and mother of the children as shown below[458]. He does not cite the primary source which confirms that this is correct. m as his first wife, **ALAN Basset**, son of THOMAS Basset [I] of Headington, Oxfordshire & his wife Alice de Dunstanville (-1231).
2. SIMON de Grey . m ---. The name of Simon's wife is not known. Simon & his wife had one child:
 - a) JOAN de Grey . m firstly **RICHARD de Chilham**, son of RICHARD of Chilham & his wife Matilda Ctss of Angus (1 Feb [1246/47]-[1265/66]). m secondly as his second wife, **GILBERT Pecche**, son of HAMO Pecche & his wife Eva --- (-25 May 1291).

B. LORDS GREY (of Codnor)

JOHN de Grey, son of RICHARD de Grey of Codnor & his wife Lucy de Humez (-before 5 Jan 1272). Inquisitions following a writ dated 5 Jan "56 Hen III", after the death of "John de Grey alias le Grey", name "Henry his son age 14...15...17...is his next heir", and name "Joan daughter of the said John aged 16" in connection with Barton, Yorkshire[459].

m **LUCY de Mohun**, daughter of REYNOLD de Mohun of Dunster, Somerset & his [second wife Isabel de Ferrers of the Earls of Derby].

John & his wife had two children:

1. **HENRY de Grey** of Codnor, Derbyshire, Grays Thurrock, Essex, and Aylesford and Hoo, Kent ([1254/58]-Sep 1308). Inquisitions following a writ dated 5 Jan "56 Hen III", after the death of "John de Grey alias le Grey", name "Henry his son age 14...15...17...is his next heir"[460]. He was summoned to Parliament in 1299 whereby he is held to have become **Lord Grey** (of Codnor). m firstly **[ELEANOR]**, daughter of HUGH de Courtenay & his wife Eleanor Le Despencer] (-before 6 Jun 1301). According to the *Complete Peerage*, the wife of Henry de Grey was "said to have m 1stly Eleanor daughter of Hugh de Courtenay"[461]. The same work suggests that "if this is correct" her father was Hugh who married Eleanor le Despencer. However, this does not appear to be an ideal fit from a chronological point of view, assuming that Hugh le Despencer is identified as the Hugh who was killed at the battle of Evesham in 1265. The *Complete Peerage* records that this Hugh le Despencer married "in or before 1260" Aline Basset, their son Hugh le Despencer being born 1 Mar 1261[462]. This would fit approximately with the estimated birth date of Hugh de Courtenay, son of Hugh de Courtenay and

Eleanor, in [1275]. However, the wife of Henry de Grey would presumably have been born in the early 1260s, assuming that her marriage is correctly estimated to before [1281/82]. If that last date is correct, Eleanor, wife of Henry, would more likely have been born in the previous Courtenay generation. The problem is that a "Hugh de Courtenay" has not yet been identified in that earlier generation. m **secondly** (before 6 Jun 1301) as her second husband, **JOAN**, widow of **RALPH de Cromwell**, daughter of ---. Henry & his first wife had children:

- a) **RICHARD de Grey** ([1281/82]-before 10 Mar 1335). **Lord Grey** (of Codnor). m **JOAN FitzPayn**, daughter of **ROBERT FitzPayn** Lord FitzPayn & his wife Isabel de Clifford (-after Mar 1335). Richard & his wife had children:
 - i) **JOHN de Grey** (-14 Dec 1392, bur Aylesford Kent). **Lord Grey** (of Codnor). m **firstly** (before 4 Sep 1325) **ELEANOR de Courtenay**, daughter of **HUGH de Courtenay** [later Earl of Devon] & his wife Agnes de St John (-before 20 Oct 1330). The *Fundationis et Fundatorum Historia* of Forde Abbey names (in order) "*Elianoram...et Elizabetham*" as the two daughters of "*dominus Hugo secundus*" & his wife, adding that Eleanor married "*Johanni de Gray*" but died childless[463]. m **secondly** (before 20 Oct 1330) **ALICE de Lisle**, daughter of **WARIN de Lisle** of Kingston-Lisle & his wife Alice de Tyes. John & his second wife had children:
 - (1) **HENRY de Grey** (-after 1371). m **JOAN de Cobham**, daughter of **REGINALD de Cobham** Lord Cobham (of Sterborough) & his wife Joan de Berkeley. The will of "*Joan de Cobham of Starburghe*", dated 13 Aug 1369, chose burial "*in the churchyard of St Mary Overhere in Southwark*", bequeathed property to "*Henry Grey and Dame Joan his wife and to that Joane my daughter, to Joane daughter to that Joane*" and a conditional bequest to "*Reginald my son*" relating to property "*sold...to my husband in the presence of the Lord Berkley my father*"[464]. Henry & his wife had children:
 - (a) **RICHARD Grey** ([1371]-1 Aug 1418, bur Aylesford). **Lord Grey** (of Codnor).
- **see below**.

2. **JOAN de Grey** ([1255/56]-). Inquisitions following a writ dated 5 Jan "56 Hen III", after the death of "*John de Grey alias le Grey*", name "*Joan daughter of the said John aged 16*" in connection with Barton, Yorkshire[465].

RICHARD Grey, son of **HENRY de Grey** & his wife **Joan de Cobham** ([1371]-1 Aug 1418, bur Aylesford). **Lord Grey** (of Codnor).

m **ELIZABETH Basset**, daughter of **RALPH Basset** Lord Basset (of Sapcote) & his second wife Alice Derby (-after 24 Aug 1446).

Richard & his wife had children:

1. **JOHN Grey** (1396 or before-14 Sep 1430). **Lord Grey** (of Codnor). m as her first husband, **ELIZABETH of Kildare**, daughter of **GERALD Earl of Kildare** & his second wife Agnes Darcy (-6 Aug 1452). She married secondly (1432) as his second wife, **James Butler Earl of Ormond**.
2. **HENRY Grey** ([1405]-17 Jul 1444). **Lord Grey** (of Codnor). m (before 5 May 1434) as her first husband, **MARGARET Percy**, daughter of **HENRY Percy of Atholl** & his wife Elizabeth --- (-Sep 1464). She married secondly **Richard de Vere**. Henry & his wife had children:
 - a) **HENRY Grey** ([1424/25]-1496). **Lord Grey** (of Codnor). m **firstly** (after 31 Aug 1454) **CATHERINE Strangways**, daughter of **THOMAS Strangways** & his wife Catherine Neville of the Earls of Westmoreland. m **secondly** as her second husband, **CATHERINE Stourton**, widow of **WILLIAM Berkeley** of Beverston, Gloucestershire, daughter of **WILLIAM Lord Stourton** & his wife Margaret Chidiock (-London 25 Nov 1521). She married thirdly **William de la Pole**.

3. ELIZABETH Grey . m JOHN Zouche, son of WILLIAM Zouche Lord Zouche & his wife ---.
4. ELEANOR Grey . m THOMAS Newport of High Ercall, Shropshire, son of ---.
5. LUCY Grey . m ROWLAND Lenthal of Lenthal and Hampton Court, Herefordshire, son of ---.

C. LORDS GREY (of Wilton)

JOHN de Grey of Wilton, son of REYNOLD de Grey Lord Grey (of Wilton) & his wife Matilda de Longchamp ([1267/68]-28 Oct 1323). **Lord Grey** (of Wilton).

m firstly [ANNE de Ferrers, daughter of WILLIAM de Ferrers of Groby, Leicestershire & his first wife Anne ---.] The *Complete Peerage* states that John Lord Grey of Wilton married “(*it is said*) Anne da. of William de Ferrers of Groby Leicester by his 1st wife Anne...” but does not provide the basis for this speculation[466].

m secondly MAUD, daughter of [RALPH Basset of Drayton, Staffordshire & his wife Margaret de Somery]. The *Complete Peerage* states that John Lord Grey of Wilton married secondly “Maud, who is said to have been da. of Ralph Basset of Drayton by Margaret...de Somery” but does not provide the basis for this speculation[467].

John & his first wife had children:

1. HENRY de Grey ([1280/81]-10 or 16 Dec 1342). **Lord Grey** (of Wilton). m ANNE, daughter of [RALPH de Rockley & his wife Isabel de Clare]. The *Complete Peerage* states that John Lord Grey of Wilton married “(*it is said*) Anne da. and h. of Ralph de Rockley by Isabel da. of William de Clare”[468]. Henry & his wife had children:
 - a) REYNOLD Grey (-Shirland 28 May or 4 Jun 1370). **Lord Grey** (of Wilton). m (10 Jan 1328) MAUD, daughter of --- (-Shirland 14 Sep 1391). Reynold & his wife had children:
 - i) HENRY Grey (-22 Apr 1396). **Lord Grey** (of Wilton).
 - see below.
2. ROGER de Grey (-6 Mar 1353). He was summoned to Parliament in 1325 whereby he is held to have become **Lord Grey** (of Ruthin).
 - **LORDS GREY (of RUTHIN)**.
3. JOAN de Grey (-1353, before 5 Apr). m (settlement 27 Mar 1304) **RALPH Basset Lord Basset** (of Drayton), son of RALPH Basset Lord Basset (of Drayton) & his wife Hawise --- (-25 Feb 1343).

HENRY Grey, son of REYNOLD de Grey Lord Grey (of Wilton) & his wife Matilda --- (-22 Apr 1396). **Lord Grey** (of Wilton).

m (before 3 Feb 1380) **ELIZABETH**, daughter of --- (-10 Jan 1402).

Henry & his wife had children:

1. RICHARD Grey (-[12 Aug 1442/5 Feb 1443], bur Bletchley). **Lord Grey** (of Wilton). The will of “Richard Grey Lord of Wilton”, dated 12 Aug 1442, chose burial “*in the church of Our Lady at Blechelæ*”, bequeathed property to “*Margaret my wife*”[469]. m firstly BLANCHE, daughter of ---. m secondly (1427) as her first husband, **MARGARET de Ferrers**, daughter of WILLIAM de Ferrers Lord Ferrers of Groby & his [first/second wife Philippa de Clifford/Margaret de Montagu] (-16 Jan 1452). The will of “Richard Grey Lord of Wilton”, dated 12 Aug 1442, chose burial “*in the church of Our Lady at Blechelæ*”, bequeathed property to “*Margaret my wife*”[470]. She married secondly (before 14 Feb 1446) Thomas Grey of Richemount, Bedfordshire. Richard & his first wife had children:
 - a) REGINALD Grey (1421-22 Feb 1494, bur Bletchley, Buckinghamshire). **Lord Grey** (of Wilton). m **TACINE** [Jacinta or Thomasine], illegitimate daughter of

JOHN Beaufort Duke of Somerset & his mistress --- ([1434]-after 1469). A document which sets out the order of the funeral of William Lord Grey (of Wilton) (who was buried 22 Dec 1562) records “*the greate-graundfather and greate-graundmother to the defuncte...Reygnolde lorde Grey and Thomasyn or Thasyne base daughter to John duke of Somerset*”^[471]. Reginald & his wife had children:

- i) **JOHN Grey** (-3 Apr 1499). **Lord Grey** (of Wilton). m firstly **ANNE Grey**, daughter of EDMUND Grey Earl of Kent & his wife Katherine Percy of the Earls of Northumberland. m secondly as her second husband, **ELIZABETH Vaughan**, widow of **THOMAS Cokesey**, daughter of THOMAS Vaughan & his wife --- (-15 Jan 1515). She married thirdly (before 25 Nov 1501) **Edward Stanley**, afterwards Lord Mounteagle.
- **LORDS GREY (of WILTON)**^[472].

D. LORDS GREY (of Ruthin)

ROGER de Grey, son of JOHN de Grey Lord Grey of Wilton & his wife --- (-6 Mar 1353). He was summoned to Parliament in 1325 whereby he is held to have become **Lord Grey** (of Ruthin).

m **ELIZABETH de Hastings**, daughter of JOHN Hastings Lord Hastings & his first wife Isabelle de Valence [Lusignan].

Roger & his wife had children:

1. **JOHN de Grey** (-[25 Oct 1348/4 May 1350]). m **AGNES de Montagu**, daughter of WILLIAM Montagu Earl of Salisbury & his wife Catherine Grandson.
2. **REYNOLD de Grey** (-28 Jul or 4 Aug 1388). **Lord Grey** (of Ruthin). m **ELEANOR Lestrange**, daughter of ROGER Lestrange Lord Strange (of Knockin) & his wife --- (-20 Apr 1396).
 - a) **REYNOLD Grey** ([1361/62]-18 Oct 1440). **Lord Grey** (of Ruthin). m firstly (after 25 Nov 1378) **MARGARET de Roos**, daughter of THOMAS de Roos of Helmsley, Lord Roos & his wife Beatrice Stafford of the Earls of Stafford. m secondly (before 7 Feb 1415) as her second husband, **JOAN Asteley**, widow of **THOMAS Ralegh**, daughter of WILLIAM Asteley of Astley, Warwickshire & his wife Joan --- (-2 Sep or 12 Nov 1448). Reynold & his first wife had children:
 - i) **JOHN Grey** (-27 Aug 1439). m (before 24 Feb 1413) as her second husband, **CONSTANCE de Holand**, widow of **THOMAS Mowbray Duke of Norfolk**, daughter of JOHN de Holand Duke of Exeter & his wife Elizabeth of Lancaster (1387-12 or 14 Nov 1437, bur London, St Katherine's by the Tower). The will of “*John Holland Duke of Exeter*”, dated 16 Jul 1447, chose burial “*in the church of St Katherine beside the Tower of London in a tomb there ordained for me and Anne my first wife, as also for my sister Constance and Anne my wife now living*”^[473]. John & his wife had two children:
 - (1) **EDMUND Grey** (-22 May 1490). **Lord Grey** (of Ruthin). He was created **Earl of Kent** in 1465. m **KATHERINE Percy**, daughter of HENRY Percy Earl of Northumberland & his wife Eleanor Neville (Leckonfield, Yorkshire 28 May 1423-). Edmund & his wife had children:
 - (a) **ANTHONY Grey** of Ruthin (-[15 May/27 Nov] 1480, bur St Albans Abbey). m (1466) **JOAN Wydeville**, daughter of RICHARD Wydeville Earl Rivers & his wife Jacquette de Luxembourg. The *Annales of William Wyrcester* record in 1466 that “*Gray Ruffin filius et hæres comitis Kanciæ*” married “*aliam sororem reginæ*”^[474].
 - (b) **GEORGE Grey** (-Ampthill 16 Dec 1503). He succeeded his father in 1490 as **Earl of Kent, Lord Grey** (of Ruthin). m

firstly (before 26 Jun 1480) as her third husband, **ANNE Wydeville**, widow firstly of **WILLIAM Bourchier Viscount Bourchier** and secondly of **EDWARD Wingfield**, daughter of **RICHARD Wydeville Earl Rivers** & his wife **Jacquette de Luxembourg** ([1438]-30 Jul 1489). A manuscript pedigree dated to [1500] names "Anne Lady Bouchier" as daughter of "Richard Earl Rivers" and mother of "Henry Earl of Essex" and of "Lady Ferrers of Chartley"[\[475\]](#). m secondly ([1 Oct] 1490) **CATHERINE Herbert**, daughter of **WILLIAM Herbert Earl of Pembroke** & his wife **Anne Devereux** (-[1 Dec 1500/8 May 1504]).

- **EARLS of KENT**[\[476\]](#).

Reynold & his second wife had children:

ii) **EDWARD Grey** (-18 Dec 1457).

- **see below**.

3. **JULIANA de Grey** (-1361). m (1330) **JOHN Talbot**, son of **RICHARD Talbot** of Richard's Castle & his wife **Joan de Mortimer** ([1319]-1355).

EDWARD Grey, son of **REYNOLD Grey Lord Grey (of Ruthin)** & his second wife **Joan Asteley** (-18 Dec 1457).

m as her first husband, **ELIZABETH Ferrers**, daughter of **HENRY Ferrers** & his wife **Isabel Mowbray** ([1417/19]-[23] Jan 1483). She succeeded her grandfather in 1445 as Lady Ferrers (of Groby). She married secondly (before 2 May 1462) as his first wife, **John Bourchier** of Essex.

Edward & his wife had children:

1. **JOHN Grey of Groby** ([1431/32]-killed in battle St Albans 17 Feb 1461). m as her first husband, **ELIZABETH Wydeville**, daughter of **RICHARD Wydeville Earl Rivers** & his wife **Jacquette de Luxembourg** (Grafton Regis [1437]-St Saviour's Abbey, Bermondsey 8 Jun 1492, bur St George's Chapel, Windsor). A manuscript pedigree dated to [1500] names "Queen Elizabeth" as daughter of "Richard Earl Rivers" and mother of "The Queen that now is" and of "Thomas Marquess of Dorset"[\[477\]](#). She married secondly (Manor of Grafton Regis, Northamptonshire 1 May 1464) **Edward IV King of England**. She was crowned Queen of England 26 May 1465 at Westminster Abbey. Her second marriage was declared null and void 25 Jun 1483 by the Act of Parliament "Titulus Regius", their children becoming illegitimate, but recognised as valid once more Oct 1485 by the first Parliament of King Henry VII. John & his wife had children:

a) **THOMAS Grey** (-30 Aug 1501). He succeeded his paternal grandmother as **Lord Ferrers** (of Groby). He was created **Earl of Huntingdon** 1471. He was created **Marquess of Dorset** 1475. m firstly (Greenwich Oct 1466) **ANNE de Holand**, daughter of **HENRY de Holand Duke of Exeter** & his wife **Anne of York** (-[26 Aug 1467/6 Jun 1474]). The Annales of William Wyrcester record the marriage in Oct 1466 "apud Grenewiche" of "Thomam Gray militem filium reginæ" and "dominam hæredem ducis Exoniæ neptem regis" to the great secret displeasure of "comitis Warrwici" who had previously arranged the marriage of "dictam dominam Annam" to "filium comitis Northumbriæ fratri dicti comitis Warrwici"[\[478\]](#). m secondly (contract 18 Jul 1474) as her first husband, **CECILY Bonville Baroness Harington and Baroness Bonville**, daughter of **WILLIAM Bonville Lord Harington** & his wife **Catherine Neville of Salisbury** (-12 Apr 1530, bur Astley). She married secondly as his second wife **Henry Stafford Earl of Wiltshire**. Thomas & his second wife had children:

i) **THOMAS Grey** (22 Jun 1477-10 Oct 1530). **Marquess of Dorset**. m (1509) as her second husband, **MARGARET Wotton**, widow of **WILLIAM Medley**, daughter of **ROBERT Wotton of Boughton Malherbe, Kent** & his wife **Anne Belknap** (-after 6 Oct 1535). Thomas & his wife had children:

(1) **HENRY Grey** (17 Jan 1517-executed Tower Hill 23 Feb 1554, bur Royal Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula, Tower of London). He succeeded his father in 1530 as Marquess of Dorset. He was created Duke of Suffolk in 1551. He was attainted for treason for his involvement in Wyatt's rebellion against Queen Mary I and forfeited his titles and estates. **m firstly** (before 1530, repudiated) **KATHERINE FitzAlan**, daughter of **WILLIAM FitzAlan Earl of Arundel** & his second wife Anne Percy of the Earls of Northumberland (-after 1552). **m secondly** ([Suffolk Place, Southwark, London] Mar or early May 1533) as her first husband, **FRANCES Brandon**, daughter of **CHARLES Brandon** Duke of Suffolk & his wife Mary of England (Bishop's Hatfield, Hertfordshire [or Westhorpe Hall, Suffolk] 16 Jul 1517-Charterhouse, Sheen, Surrey 21 Nov 1559, bur 5 Dec Westminster Abbey). She married secondly (9 Mar 1554) as his first wife, **Adrian Stokes**.

(2) **CATHERINE Grey**, daughter of **THOMAS Grey** Marquess of Dorset & his second wife Margaret Wotton (-1 May 1542). **m** as his first wife, **HENRY FitzAlan Earl of Arundel**, son of **WILLIAM FitzAlan Earl of Arundel** & his second wife Anne Percy of the Earls of Northumberland (23 Apr 1512-Arundel House, Strand, London 24 Feb 1580, bur Arundel).

2. **EDWARD Grey** (-17 Jul 1492, bur Astley, Warwickshire). **Lord Ferrers** of Groby. He was created **Viscount Lisle** 28 Jun 1483. **m firstly** **ELIZABETH Talbot** Baroness Lisle of Kingston Lisle, daughter of **JOHN Talbot Viscount Lisle** & his wife **Joan Chedder** (1451-8 Sep 1487, bur Astley, Warwickshire). **m secondly** as her third husband, **JOAN**, widow firstly of **JOHN Treguran** and secondly of **ROBERT Drole**, daughter of --- (-1500, after 8 Aug, bur St Michael's Cornhill). Edward & his first wife had four children:

a) **JOHN Grey** (Apr 1480-9 Sep 1504, bur Abingdon). **Viscount Lisle**. **m** as her first husband, **MURIEL Howard**, daughter of **THOMAS Howard Earl of Surrey** (later Duke of Norfolk) & his first wife **Elizabeth Tylney** (-Lambeth 14 Dec 1512, bur Lambeth). She married secondly (before 9 Jul 1506) **Thomas Knyvet** of Buckenham, Norfolk. John & his wife had one child:

i) **ELIZABETH Grey** ([25] Mar 1505-[31 Mar/12 May] 1519). Baroness Lisle. Betrothed (1513) to **CHARLES Brandon**, son of . **m** (after Jun 1515) as his first wife, **HENRY Courtenay Earl of Devon**, son of **WILLIAM de Courtenay Earl of Devon** & his wife **Katherine of York** ([1498]-beheaded Tower Hill 9 Jan 1539).

b) **ANNE Grey** (-before 1523). **m** (contract 2 Oct 1486) **JOHN Willoughby** of Wollaton, Northamptonshire, son of ---.

c) **ELIZABETH Grey** (-[1525/26], bur Jan 1538 Titchfield, Hampshire). King Henry VIII granted "the manors of Fysshewyke and Eccleston, Lanc..." to "Arthur Plantagenet and Elizabeth his wife late the wife of Edmund Dudley" dated 13 Nov 1511[479]. **Baroness Lisle** 1519. **m firstly** **EDMUND Dudley**, son of --- (-beheaded Tower Hill 18 Aug 1510). **m secondly** (12 Nov 1511) as his first wife, **ARTHUR Plantagenet**, illegitimate son of **EDWARD IV King of England** & his mistress **Elizabeth Lucy née Waite** ([1461/64]-Tower of London 3 Mar 1542, bur [Tower of London]).

d) **MARGARET Grey** (-[8 Aug 1500/9 Sep 1504]). **m** (settlement 3 Jul 1494) **EDWARD Stafford Earl of Wiltshire**, son of **JOHN Stafford Earl of Wiltshire** & his wife **Constance Green** (7 Apr 1470-Drayton, Northamptonshire 24 Mar 1499, bur Lowick, Northamptonshire).

GREY (of ROTHERFIELD)

The successive references to properties in Oxfordshire, in particular Rotherfield and Cornwell, indicate that all the unconnected individuals in the early part of this section were members of the Grey family of Rotherfield. No connection has been established between this family and Henry Grey of Greys Thurrock, Essex, who was ancestor of the other Grey families who are shown above.

A. ORIGINS

1. **ANSCHETIL [I] de Grey** (-after 1086). Blomefield says that John de Grey Bishop of Norwich "was descended from Anschitel de Grey, a Norman, who came in with the Conqueror, and had large possessions of his gift" [480]. Domesday Book records that "Anske...de Graye" held "land which belongs to Salford" from the bishop of Bayeux, and Rotherfield Greys, Black Bourton, Radeford, South Newington, Brighthampton, and Cornwell from William FitzOsbern, all in Oxfordshire [481].
2. **RICHARD de Grey** (-after 1109). Blomefield says that Richard de Grey was the son of Anschetil [I] but does not cite the primary source on which he bases this information [482]. The chronology suggests that this parentage may be correct. Henry I King of England confirmed the properties of Eynsham abbey, including the donation of "decimam de Dærneford et de Wideli et de Corneuuella" donated by "Ricardus de Graio" when he sent "unum filium suum in eodem monasterio", by charter dated 25 Dec 1109 [483]. None of the names in the 1129 Pipe Roll for Oxfordshire suggest a connection with the Grey family. m ---. The name of Richard's wife is not known. Richard & his wife had three or more children:
 - a) other sons . The existence of two or more other sons is indicated by the charter dated 25 Dec 1109 quoted below.
 - b) --- de Grey . Monk at Evesham. Henry I King of England confirmed the properties of Eynsham abbey, including the donation of "decimam de Dærneford et de Wideli et de Corneuuella" donated by "Ricardus de Graio" when he sent "unum filium suum in eodem monasterio", by charter dated 25 Dec 1109 [484].
3. **ANSCHETIL [II] de Grey** . His name, as well as the chronology, suggests that Anschetil [II] could have been the grandson of Anschetil [I] de Grey. "Anschetillus de Grai" donated land at "Stanlache quod vocatur Langehurst et aliud...Wdefordhurst.." to Eynsham, with the consent of "filius meus Johannes", by charter dated to [1150/60], witnessed by "Manasses Arsic, Hugo de Chesnei...Albericus Arsic" [485]. m ---. The name of Anschetil's wife is not known. Anschetil [II] & his wife had one child:
 - a) **JOHN de Grey** . "Anschetillus de Grai" donated land at "Stanlache quod vocatur Langehurst et aliud...Wdefordhurst.." to Eynsham, with the consent of "filius meus Johannes", by charter dated to [1150/60] [486]. m ---. The name of John's wife is not known. John & his wife had one child:
 - i) **EVA de Grey** (-before Jun 1246). "Radulfus Murdac" donated his part "in molendino de Clifton" to Eynsham abbey, for the soul of "...Eue de Grai uxoris mee", by charter dated 1192, witnessed by "...Simone Murdac..." [487]. King John confirmed land "juris eis descendit ex parte Roberti Bassett et...in Tenford et Purston" to "Andr de Bellocampo et Eve de Gray uxoris eius" by charter dated 25 Apr 1200 [488]. The *Testa de Nevill* includes a list of landholdings in Essex, dated 1219, which includes "Johannes filius Andree de Bello Campo debet...esse in custodia domini

regis et Eva de Gray mater eius habet custodiam eius et terre sue de Asington per dominum Falk...et ipsa Eva est maritanda^[489]. Exemptions were granted to "Hawise mother of W. archbishop of York" which the king had also granted to "Robert de Gray and his heirs for the land of Rutherefeld which the said archbishop had of the gift of Eve de Gray and gave to the said Robert" dated 9 Mar 1240^[490]. Inquisitions (undated) following the death of "Eva de Gray" name "Beatrice Murdac late the wife of Robert Maudut, Alice the wife of Ralph Harang, Joan the wife of Ernald de Bosco and Julianus son of Jolland de Nevill and Maud his wife are her heirs"^[491]. m firstly (before 1192) **RALPH Murdac**, son of --- Murdac & his wife [--- de Chesney] (-[1194/30 Sep 1198]). m secondly **ANDREW de Beauchamp**, son of --- de Beauchamp & his wife Matilda de Limesey (-after 1210).

4. **THOMAS de Grey**. He is named as father of Alice in the charter dated to [1151/73] quoted below. From a chronological point of view, Thomas could have been a younger son of Anschitel [II] de Grey. m ---. The name of Thomas's wife is not known. Thomas & his wife had one child:
 - a) **ALICE de Grey** (-after Oct 1201). "Stephanus de Pontsold et Aeliza uxor mea filia Thome de Grai" donated "ecclesiam de Cornwella" to Eynsham by undated charter, dated to [1151-73], witnessed by "Roberto archidiacono Oxenfordie... Waltero de Cornwella"^[492]. Salter notes that the abbot of Evesham quitclaimed Cornwell church to "Alice de Gray" in Autumn 1201^[493]. m **STEPHEN de Pontsold**, son of ---.

[Three siblings], parents not known. From a chronological point of view, they could have been children either of John or Thomas de Grey who are named above. The reference in the document dated 9 Mar 1240, quoted below, to Eva de Grey granting property to Robert de Grey, son of Hawise, suggests that Eva held a position of seniority in the Grey family relative to Robert. This could mean either (1) that Robert was her cousin, son of a younger brother of her father, or (2) that Robert's mother Hawise was Eva's younger sister. The difficulty with case (2) is the absence of documentation which points to Eva and Hawise being co-heiresses of John de Gray. Case (1) is therefore the more likely case. Richard de Grey could not have been the father of these three children, as suggested by Blomefield:

1. --- de Grey. The existence of this older son is suggested by Blomefield who names John de Grey Bishop of Norwich as "second son of Richard de Grey, son of the said Anschitel" but does not cite the primary source on which he bases this information^[494].
2. **JOHN de Grey** (-Saint-Jean d'Angély 18 Oct 1214, bur Norwich Cathedral). Blomefield names John de Grey Bishop of Norwich as "second son of Richard de Grey, son of the said Anschitel", but he does not cite the primary source on which he bases this information^[495]. The chronology suggests at least one additional generation between Richard and John. Bishop of Norwich 24 Sep 1200. Blomefield says that he died "at St. John de Angelo near Poictiers Oct 18, 1214", while travelling back to England from Rome, and was buried in Norwich cathedral^[496]. "Hawisia de Grey vidua" donated "ecclesiam de Cornewell" to Oseney abbey, for the souls of "Johannis de Grey fratriss mei quondam Norwicensis Episcopi", with the consent of "Dni. Roberti de Grey filii et heredis mei", by undated charter, witnessed by "Dno. Waltero de Grey, Wygorniensis Episcopo filio meo"^[497].
3. **[HAWISE [de Grey]]** (-after 9 Mar 1240). "Hawisia de Grey vidua" donated "ecclesiam de Cornewell" to Oseney abbey, for the souls of "Johannis de Grey fratriss mei quondam Norwicensis Episcopi", with the consent of "Dni. Roberti de Grey filii et heredis mei", by undated charter, witnessed by "Dno. Waltero de Grey, Wygorniensi Episcopo filio meo" [which indicates dating to [19 Oct 1214/Feb 16]^[498]. The word "fratriss" in this document suggests that Hawise was the sister of John de Grey Bishop of Norwich. If it were not for this charter, her transmission of the name Grey to her children would suggest that

this name derived from her husband. It is not unknown for noble mothers to transmit their own family name to their children, presumably in cases where their families were considered of nobler birth than their husbands'. However, nor is it unknown for "frater" to be used in medieval documentation in the sense of brother-in-law, although such usage was infrequent[499]. It is therefore uncertain whether it was Hawise or her husband who was the sibling of John Bishop of Norwich. The Patent Rolls include an order in favour of "Hawisie matri...W. Eboracensis archiepiscopi" dated 9 Nov 1231[500]. Exemptions were granted to "Hawise mother of W. archbishop of York" which the king had also granted to "Robert de Gray and his heirs for the land of Rutherefeld which the said archbishop had of the gift of Eve de Gray and gave to the said Robert" dated 9 Mar 1240[501]. m --- (-before [19 Oct 1214/Feb 16]).] Two children:

- a) **WALTER de Grey** (-1 May 1255). Bishop of Worcester 20 Jan 1214. "Hawisia de Grey vidua" donated "ecclesiam de Cornewell" to Oseney abbey, for the souls of "Johannis de Grey fratrī mei quondam Norwicensis Episcopī", with the consent of "Dni. Roberti de Grey filii et heredis mei", by undated charter, dated to [19 Oct 1214/Feb 16], witnessed by "Dno. Waltero de Grey, Wygorniensi Episcopo filio meo"[502]. Archbishop of York 19 Feb 1216.
- b) **ROBERT de Grey** of Rotherfield, Oxfordshire ([before 1195]-before 1 May 1246). "Hawisia de Grey vidua" donated "ecclesiam de Cornewell" to Oseney abbey, for the souls of "Johannis de Grey fratrī mei quondam Norwicensis Episcopī", with the consent of "Dni. Roberti de Grey filii et heredis mei", by undated charter, dated to [19 Oct 1214/Feb 16][503]. Robert's giving consent in this charter indicates that he was of age, and therefore probably not born much later than [1195]. Exemptions were granted to "Hawise mother of W. archbishop of York" which the king had also granted to "Robert de Gray and his heirs for the land of Rutherefeld which the said archbishop had of the gift of Eve de Gray and gave to the said Robert" dated 9 Mar 1240[504]. m **BEATRIX de Saint-Luce**, daughter of WILLIAM de Saint-Luce & his wife Avice de Sculcoates. The Chronicle of Meaux, in Yorkshire, names "Aviciam" as daughter of "Benedictus de Sculcottes", adding that she married "Willelmus de Seynt Luce" by whom she had "Beatricem" who married "Robertus de Gray"[505]. Robert & his wife had children:
 - i) **WALTER de Grey** of Rotherfield (-before 8 Jun 1267). The Chronicle of Meaux names "Walterum" as the son of "Robertus de Gray" and his wife[506]. m **ISABEL de Duston**, daughter of WILLIAM de Duston of Duston, Northamptonshire & his wife --- (-after before 6 Dec 1304). Inquisitions following a writ dated 19 Apr "55 Hen III", after the death of "William de Duston alias de Dustune", record that Ditton in Kent was given to "William de Duston, grandfather of Isabel de Grey, in free marriage...until it should come to the 4th degree", noting that "the said William...had 3 daughters his heirs who were under age when their father died...Walter sometime archbishop of York...afterwards had the wardship of the heirs, married them and assigned to each her share of the inheritance" and that "Isabel the eldest daughter...married Walter de Grey [and] is in seisin of two parts..."[507]. Inquisitions following a writ dated 6 Dec "33 Edw I", after the death of "Isabel de Grey", name "John de Grey her nepos aged 30 is her next heir"[508]. Walter & his wife had one child:
 - (1) **ROBERT de Grey** (-before 27 May 1295). The Chronicle of Meaux names "Robertum" as son of "Walterum", son of "Robertus de Gray" and his wife[509]. Inquisitions following a writ dated 27 May "23 Edw I", after the death of "Robert de Grey, alias de Gray, Le Gray", name "John his son aged 23 and more [...] his first born son aged 28 and more] is his next heir"[510]. m (before 1273) **JOAN de Valoignes**, daughter of THOMAS de Valoignes & his wife --- (-before 6 Sep 1312). Inquisitions following a writ dated 6 Sep "6 Edw II", after the death of "Joan de Grey", name "the heir of John de Grey of Retherfeld

who is under age...Robert de Grey sometime her husband" and "John, son of John de Grey aged 11 and in the king's wardship is next heir of Robert and Joan", record "Schobyneton [Buckinghamshire] [which] descended to the said Joan after the death of Thomas de Valoignes her father" and, in respect of land at Ikenford and East Claydon granted by "Robert de Laventon parson of the church of Estcleydon...to Joan de Grey for life, with remainders to Margaret her daughter for life...remainder to Thomas de Grey son of the said Joan", a claim by "John de Rocheford and Joan his wife", noting that Margaret and Thomas had predeceased their mother, in a later passage naming "Margaret their daughter late the wife of John le Fiz Bernard and Joan daughter of the said John and Margaret"^[511]. Robert & his wife had three children:

- (a) **JOHN de Grey** ([1273/74]-before 6 Sep 1312). Inquisitions following a writ dated 27 May "23 Edw I", after the death of "Robert de Grey, alias de Gray, Le Gray", name "John his son aged 23 and more [...his first born son aged 28 and more] is his next heir"^[512].
 - **see below.**
- (b) **THOMAS de Grey** (-before 1312). Inquisitions following a writ dated 6 Sep "6 Edw II", after the death of "Joan de Grey", record land at Ikenford and East Claydon granted by "Robert de Laventon parson of the church of Estcleydon...to Joan de Grey for life, with remainders to Margaret her daughter for life...remainder to Thomas de Grey son of the said Joan", claimed by "John de Rocheford and Joan his wife", noting that Margaret and Thomas had predeceased their mother^[513].
- (c) **JOAN de Grey** (Rotherfield [20] Jul 1386-20 Nov 1408). m (before 17 Feb 1401) **JOHN Deincourt Lord Deincourt**, son of WILLIAM Deincourt Lord Deincourt & his wife Alice Neville (Middleham, Yorkshire 28 Feb 1382-11 May 1406).
- (d) **MARGARET de Grey** (-before 1312). Inquisitions following a writ dated 6 Sep "6 Edw II", after the death of "Joan de Grey", record land at Ikenford and East Claydon granted by "Robert de Laventon parson of the church of Estcleydon...to Joan de Grey for life, with remainders to Margaret her daughter for life", claimed by "John de Rocheford and Joan his wife", noting that Margaret had predeceased her mother, in a later passage naming "Margaret their daughter late the wife of John le Fiz Bernard and Joan daughter of the said John and Margaret"^[514]. m **JOHN FitzBernard**, son of ---.

B. LORDS GREY (of Rotherfield)

JOHN de Grey of Rotherfield, son of ROBERT de Grey of Rotherfield & his wife Joan --- ([1273/74]-before 6 Sep 1312). Inquisitions following a writ dated 27 May "23 Edw I", after the death of "Robert de Grey, alias de Gray, Le Gray", name "John his son aged 23 and more [...his first born son aged 28 and more] is his next heir"^[515]. Inquisitions following a writ dated 6 Dec "33 Edw I", after the death of "Isabel de Grey", name "John de Grey her nepos aged 30 is her next heir"^[516].

m **MARGARET de Oddingeseles**, daughter of WILLIAM de Oddingeseles of Solihull and Maxstoke, Warwickshire & his wife Ela ---.

John & his wife had children:

1. **JOHN de Grey** of Rotherfield (-Rotherfield 1 Sep 1359). Inquisitions following a writ dated 6 Sep "6 Edw II", after the death of "Joan de Grey", name "the heir of John de Grey of Retherfeld who is under age...Robert de Grey sometime her husband" and "John, son of John de Grey aged 11 and in the king's wardship is next heir of Robert and Joan"^[517]. He was summoned to Parliament in 1338 whereby he is held to have become **Lord Grey** (of Rotherfield). m firstly **CATHERINE FitzAlan**, daughter of **BRIAN FitzAlan** Lord FitzAlan & his second wife **Maud** ---. m secondly **AVICE Marmion**, daughter of **JOHN Marmion** Lord Marmion & his wife --- (-20 Mar 1379). John & his first wife had children:
 - a) **JOHN de Grey** (-4 Jun 1375). **Lord Grey** (of Rotherfield). m **MAUD**, daughter of ---. The *Complete Peerage* states that she was "possibly da. of Bartholomew de Burghersh the elder Lord Burghersh"^[518]. John & his wife had children:
 - i) **BARTHOLOMEW de Grey** ([1351]-12 Nov 1375). **Lord Grey** (of Rotherfield). m **PHILIPPA**, daughter of ---.
 - ii) **ROBERT de Grey** (-12 or 14 Jan 1388). **Lord Grey** (of Rotherfield). m firstly **JOAN**, daughter of ---. m secondly as her second husband, **ELIZABETH de la Plaunce**, widow of **JOHN de Birmingham**, daughter of **WILLIAM de la Plainche** of Haversham, Buckinghamshire & his wife **Elizabeth Hillary** (-1423). She married thirdly (before 24 Oct 1388) **John de Clinton, Lord Clinton**. She married fourthly (after Sep 1398) **John Russell**. Robert & his first wife had one child:
 - (1) **JOAN de Grey** (Rotherfield [30] Jul 1386-20 Nov 1408). m (before 17 Feb 1401) **JOHN Deincourt Lord Deincourt**, son of **WILLIAM Deincourt** Lord Deincourt & his wife **Alice Neville** (Middleham, Yorkshire 28 Feb 1382-11 May 1406).
 - iii) **MAUD de Grey**. m **JOHN Botetourt**, son of **JOHN Botetourt** Lord Botetourt & his second wife **Joyce Zouche** (-1369).
 - b) **MAUD de Grey**. m as his first wife, **JOHN Botetourt Lord Botetourt**, son of **THOMAS Botetourt** & his wife **Joan de Somery** ([1317/18]-1385, bur Halesowen).